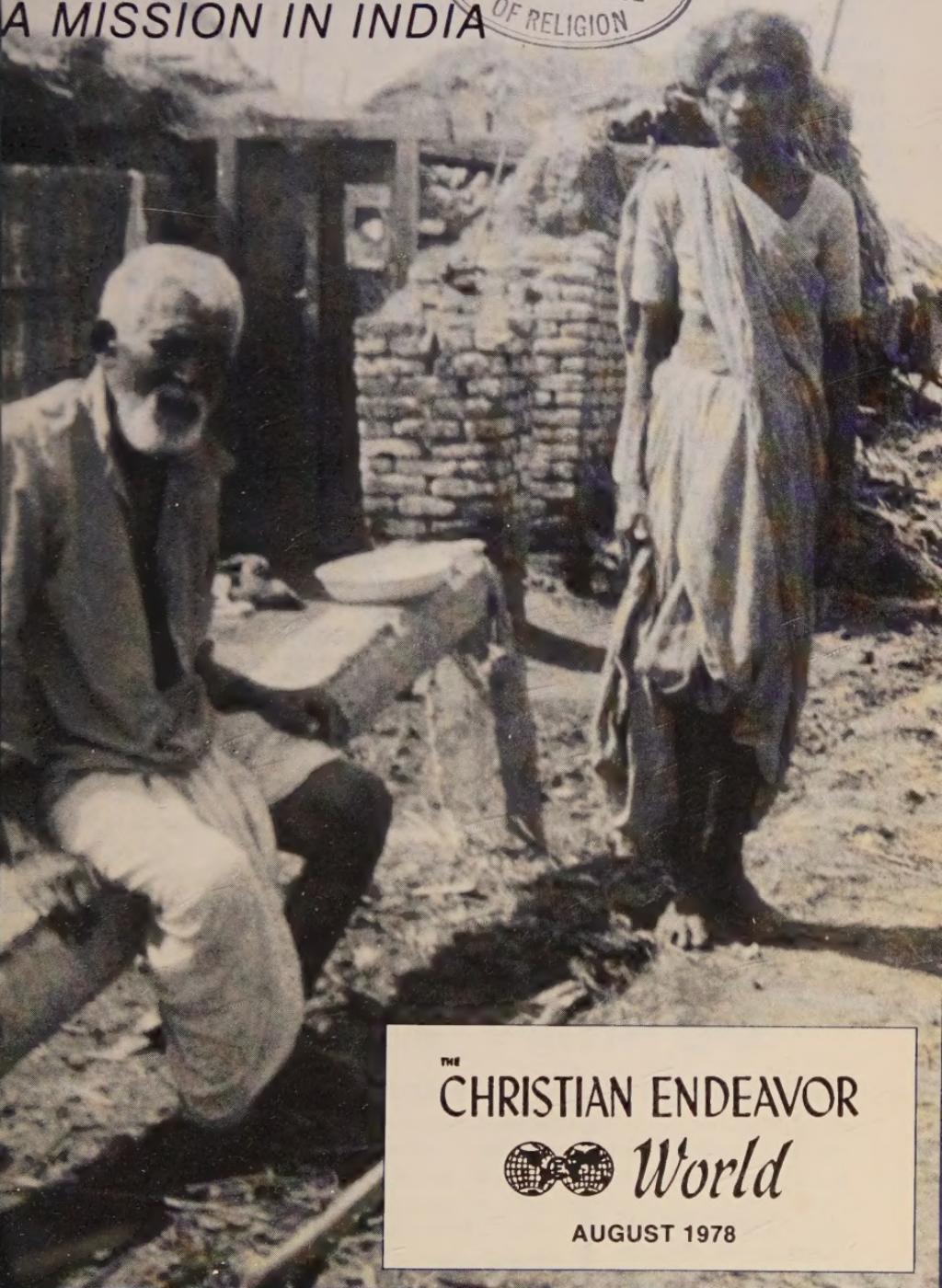
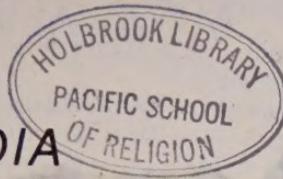


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International Society Board of Trustees Meeting
Columbus, Ohio
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New Delhi, India

NOAH'S MISSION

And the Lord said unto Noah: "Where is the ark which I have commanded thee to build?" And Noah said unto the Lord: "Verily, I have had three carpenters off ill. The gopher wood supplier hath let me down — yea, even though the gopher wood hath been on order for nigh upon twelve months. What can I do, O Lord?"

And God said unto Noah: "I want that ark finished even after seven days and seven nights." And Noah said, "It will be so."

And it was not so. And the Lord said unto Noah: "What seemeth to be the trouble this time?"

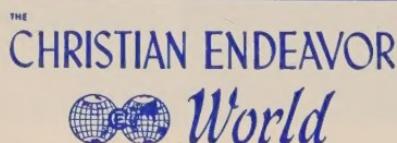
And Noah said unto the Lord: "Mine subcontractor hath gone bankrupt. The pitch which Thou commandest me to put on the outside and on the inside of the ark hath not arrived. The plumber hath gone on strike. Shem, my son, who helpeth me on the ark side of the business, hath formed a pop group with his brothers Ham and Japeth. Lord, I am undone."

And the Lord grew angry and said: "And what about the animals, the male and the female of every sort that I ordered to come unto thee to keep their seed alive upon the face of the earth?"

And Noah said: "They have been delivered unto the wrong address but should arriveth on Friday."

And the Lord said: "How about the unicorns and the fowl of the air by sevens?" And Noah wrung his hands and wept, saying: "Lord, unicorns are a discontinued line; thou canst not get them for love nor money. And fowls of the air are sold only in half dozens. Lord, Lord, Thou knowest how it is." And the Lord in His Wisdom said, "Noah, my son, I knowest. Why else dost thou think I have caused a flood to descend upon the earth?"

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On November 19, 1977, a cyclone hit the coast of India, leaving behind a trail of death and destruction. The storm hit the coast with twenty foot tidal waves that swept about 60 villages. In one cluster of villages alone, 8,000 people perished. In addition to the loss of life, the land had been spoiled as sand and salt filled the once fertile ground — it has now become useless terrain of saline soil. After the water receded, the threat of cholera was a live threat.

In response to the devastating storm, the German Christian Endeavor Union sent immediate financial aid. The Right Reverend Henry Lazarus, President of India Christian Endeavor Union, led a team of relief workers on behalf of Christian Endeavor. Their efforts were helped made possible by the West German Union's assistance. Rev. Lazarus made two trips to the ravaged land — first, to survey the damage, and then he followed up with a return trip involving 45 relief workers. He filed the following report of the conditions and of the relief supplied to the cyclone victims.

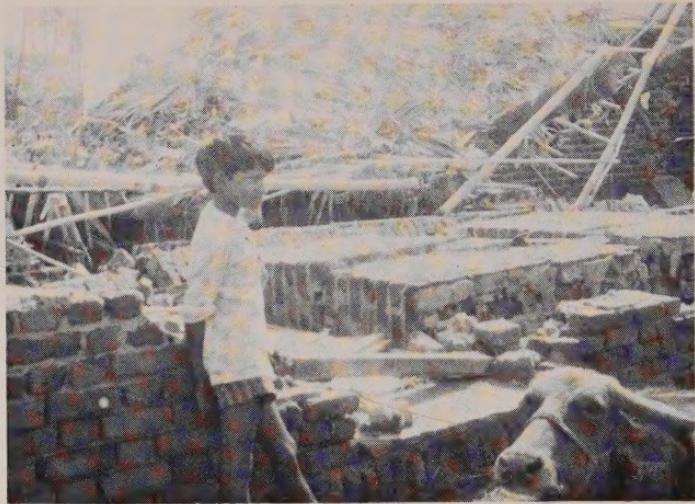
"It is a long way (to the village of Tsundurupalli) and we had to go by jeep because we were informed that the roads were bad. (This trip was to survey the damage). As we neared Guntur, we could see the damage caused by the cyclone. All through the way, huge trees had been blown to the ground and the leaves were completely charred. It may be possible that the winds were charged with electricity. The electric poles were bent to the ground and the cement posts broken into three or four pieces. All through, the paddy fields had been blown flat to the ground and there was a great loss for those who cultivate paddy. The cotton plants had gone dry at the top and there is no chance of sprouting. The tobacco was also scorched. It was pathetic to see vast areas of cashewnut plantations uprooted and dried near the sea shore. The loss sustained through the field crops and fruit bearing trees seemed to be immense."

The missionary at Guntur reported that all the church buildings had been badly damaged. We were told about the 71 deaths in a village where they had taken shelter in the church and had died praying. The destruction was heavy in the case of every individual but they are all dejected because their church buildings are damaged whereas Hindu temples stand intact."

We visited several villages and decided to adopt a village — the smallest one possible — to enable them to erect their houses and repair their church and help them to celebrate Christmas in a different atmosphere altogether. The village of Tsundurupalli was suggested to us. All 73 houses in the village were damaged, the church was badly damaged. There were about 60 families. We returned shortly thereafter with a party of 5."

The party consisted of 2 pastors, 4 college students, 5 nurses, 3 doctors, a dresser, 10 carpenters and electric fitters, 10 farm workers, 4 manual workers, 2 teachers, the Diocesan Secretary, and Rev. and Mrs. Lazarus."

The Government had tried to help bereaved families by paying a most inadequate compensation for the loss of a loved one or house. Because material was costly, we had to buy bamboos and palmyrah leaves. These had to be transported quite a ways. Railway transport was reported to be free, but the Station Master said that they had not received written orders. The worst problem was to get lorries. They delayed till the last minute to get the maximum benefit, even the bamboo, tile and leaf vendors wanted to exploit those in their hour of need."



"We had to travel 250 miles by bus on bad road to get to our destination. The first day we covered only 100 miles. We reached our destination the next evening. We stayed in the church building even though its roof was mostly blown off. We had no bath facilities. But we must confess that our being forced to stay in the village was providential. We had more time for work and mixing with people. This really enabled our volunteers to get fully involved in the village life, understand their needs, and get their full cooperation."

"The first day, our work was somewhat discouraging. The leader began saying that it was a busy season and they would be losing the precious chance of earning the needed paddy wage. They said that they would divide bamboos and tiles and construct houses at a later date. Then I told the headman of the village that it would mean we would return home. Then one man desired that his house should be repaired, then two or three others requested that their houses be erected. On the first day, we had to have a model house constructed. Later on we fixed up the bamboo framework and fitted the palmyra leaves as they had not arrived on time."

"The work was delayed because the bamboo, tile and palmyrah leaves had to be transported from Vellore. We also had a problem getting lorries to transport the materials. In spite of these handicaps, we were able to erect the framework for over 32 houses. On the last day, we had the leaves and remaining bamboo distributed for the villagers to complete the roofing by themselves. They were immensely pleased." The major task was reroofing and repairing the furniture in the Church. For this purpose we had a good team of carpenters and volunteers to assist. It was very difficult to get a mason, but finally we got two. The repair work was completed in one and a half days. The Church building was dedicated the next Sunday."

"On the whole, we had large quantities of bamboos and tiles left over. This enabled us to give a challenge to the villagers. We challenged the leaders of Tsundurupalli to go and encourage the neighboring village to work hard with bamboos and tiles given to them and see that their church was ready by Christmas. I was confident that it would be done."

"Dr. Pulimood, the medical superintendent with us, and his team of two other doctors, two nurses and one helper went out to other villages. We could not get a van so the doctors took bicycles and the women went in a rickshaw to surrounding villages and treated nearly 200 patients a day. They visited the village where 70 people died in the church building while praying for the rain to stop. They had many pathetic instances to report. It is not money but men that is needed in a place like this to redeem the victims out of dread. They are tired of sight seeing parties. Their inquiry for information only discouraged them more."

"Our team as such went with the intention of helping the villagers. We thought we were giving something, but on the other hand, we learned much. The wonderful guidance of God and the working of spirit in the unity and the experience of word made flesh was ours. We praise and thank God for the same and pray for many more such opportunities." Henry Lazarus.

Even though the tragedy in India took place several months ago, help is still greatly needed. If you would like to make a contribution, please send it to the World Christian Endeavor Union, c/o P.O. Box 1110, Columbus, Ohio 43216.-ed.

MISSION TO MICRONESIA

July 3, 1977, Mr. William Donlin and his wife Beth were commissioned by Rev. Edith Wolfe in the Kawaiahao Church in Honolulu as missionaries to the churches of Micronesia. They went representing the Hawaii Conference of the United Church of Christ. Since most of the churches have Christian Endeavor Societies, and Mr. Donlin is a trustee of the International Society, General Secretary Charles W. Barner requested the Donlins to represent the Christian Endeavor movement and conduct workshops as they traveled. Here are excerpts of the report received from the Donlin's.

"We went not only to teach, but to learn, not only to speak, but to listen, to share of our knowledge and faith and our belief as Christians. We went with a promise that upon our return from this mission, we would tell of the things which as Christians all of us in these Pacific Islands may do together to renew our historic connections and serve together in ways that will glorify the gospel of Jesus Christ."

"On Monday morning, July 17, we left Majuro for Kwajalein and Ebeye. It was Sunday afternoon when we got to Kwajalein and took the water taxi for Ebeye. Here the Christian Endeavor meeting was in session and we were invited to share in their meeting. It was such a surprise to them to see us there as no one knew we would be there. It was really nice to be with all the old friends again."

"We visited the Head Start pre-school with Nejohn Edwards. There were women preparing hot lunches for the children. We were told that these women came to Hawaii to learn to do the lunches for this program and there were others here in Hawaii learning also, how to cook and serve nutritious meals. That seemed like a great accomplishment, because there was great improvement in the meals that were served on Majuro."

"We were also able to spend a little time with Alice Buck and her dad. Dr. Harold Hanlili and met their helpers who now are translating the Bible into the Marshallese language."

"In Ponape, each evening someone was there to take us to dinner. These dinners were meeting times for discussions and times for listening. We held hands around the table and we prayed each time that God would make us His instruments that could really work for Him. This was the only way we knew how. We had not anticipated this type of ministry. We were prepared to present the Duties of the Deacons and tell of the Christian Endeavor and its works. People spoke freely, of their disappointments and of their rasie reasonings. Everyday, someone would stop by the house just to visit."

"Sunday morning, there was an English service at 8:30 a.m. and a Ponape service at 10:00 a.m. Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m., the Christian Endeavor of the Kusaen people met at the Kusaen village. There were 73 women and 42 men. How could we count? Easy. They all sat on the floor, almost in rows, men on one side of the room, women on the other. There were six speakers, and the leader, one for each day of the week. We also took part in the services with an interpreter."

"The next Sunday we were in Truk. The young people held a rally where a count was made of 573 participants. These people came by boat from the islands around the main island of Moen. Seven youth spoke on the subject, representing each day of the week. Their groups each sang two numbers. After the church service, each group went together and had their lunches in groups by themselves. We were told that they brought their own food and after they ate, would get on their boats and go back to their islands if they came from another island."

"On the island of Uman, men and women lined up on the piers, women with maramara for each one of us. When we walked towards the church, there were more people waiting to greet us, men, women and children each shaking our hands as we went by. We were taken to a classroom of the high school next door to the church. As we entered, we noticed the spacious classroom, modern with large screened windows and wooden chairs with chrome trim. On each chair was a woven palm fan and a fancy hankie. We were told to use them and take them with us as we left. Here the welcoming service lasted until noon. We learned of the coming of the missionaries to Truk in 1879. Moses was the name of the Ponapean who came as a missionary, perhaps it was on the first Morning Star. Aufraghñ was the name of the Chief who was the first convert and his picture hangs in the church. At 2:00 pm after lunch was over, we all went into the church for a worship service which lasted until 4:00 pm. There were so many people in the church you would think it was Sunday. An attractive woman played the organ there in the church. We were told that only a few women can play the organ, those who went to the Libenzell mission schools."

"On Dublon, we were taken to the Nukuloa Church in the Nukuloa village where each of us was given a sheet, pillow and mats to bed down for the night. We walked about a block away to the meeting house for our dinner. It was open on all sides with a roof and cemented floor area where we all sat on mats. Dinner was a luau with much food. After dinner the devotional meeting was held in the church where we slept. A generator was used for the lighting. The Sunday School children numbering 65, put on a program for us. There was gift giving and more songs and speeches. This service was over at 9:45 pm. We showered out in the yard where a shower was made for us, it was enclosed with woven coconut leaves. We went to bed after a long day but satisfied that the Lord had chosen us to go where the first Missionaries went in the earlier years."

"The next day we traveled to the village of Nechap. At dinner time, we were all asked to go into the church before going into the dining hall. The women of the church had made dresses for the women and shirts for the men in our group. We all changed into our new outfits and were escorted to the dining hall. As the men entered the door, they were stopped at the doorway by two women, one standing on each side of the doorway. They would both stoop down, holding in their hands what looked like a sack. As the men stepped into it, the women would stand up, lifting up this sack to their waist. It resembled a lady's half slip that came to their ankles. We found out later that it was supposed to be aprons to keep the pants and shirt from becoming soiled by the rich foods they had to consume."

"This was the largest dinner so far. Each person was served on a very huge platter. The head of the pig that was served was huge and was placed on a platter at the head table. The Women's Fellowship and Sunday School children entertained during dinner and gave a presentation of gifts. The finale of the gift giving was the unrolling of 3 bolts of fabric that was being carried by 3 women. Everyone had a hand in unrolling — men, women and children — they soon had us literally wrapped in the fabric, encircling all of us who were guests, seated at the tables. They sang as they walked around holding onto the fabric — we looked like we were being fenced in. During the devotion, it was explained that the fabric was like God's love made visible — encircling all of us with unending love and care."

"The next evening in Kuchua village, we went to the Logan Church for the program of the night. There was some speech making and the children of the Sunday School gave their presentation. There were 85 children who sang with much enthusiasm and motion. In that group was a child who was almost totally blind, however she sang every song and went through all the motions. We later learned that she could even play the organ. After the singing, they each gave an offering gift of a bar of bath soap. This was a wonderful evening, where the fellowship of the church felt so closely knit. Rev. John Hadley

expressed in his statement at the closing that night, 'The moving of the Holy Spirit could be felt. In this congregation, I can feel for the very first time the Holy Spirit at work here among us. This is a beautiful church, clean, spacious and hospitable. This is a new beginning being generated and should not end here. It should be continued.' "

"We too, felt that another coming together of peoples of other islands of Micronesia should be continued. It was suggested that a planning committee be established to follow through on this matter."

"We are thankful for this opportunity of being able to serve for just a short time. We are thankful to those who made it possible for us to share in the work of the missions of Micronesia."

"The Holy Spirit and unending prayers of everyone was always felt, so we return home to continue working with transplanted Micronesians who need our love and care and understanding and education in our way of living."

Me ke aloha pumehana,
Bill and Beth Dolin

REFLECTIONS OF SPANISH FELLOWSHIP TOUR

October 13-20, 1977.

For my assimilation both in the areas of the spiritual impact of the annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and a chance to see more of the wondrous work of God, it takes time for the effect to crystallize.

It was a pleasure to make friends with so many fine people in Europe, Asia and Africa. The anticipation of renewing old acquaintances furnishes added interest and joy.

It was thrilling to visit the Christian Endeavor camp, "Living Water," nestled in a beautiful spot surrounded by majestic mountains. The director and his family greeted us with Spanish vibrancy and served us ham and cheese cubes with Coca-Cola. We were informed of the programs in operation during the summer months and were shown materials being used for training the youth. We joined in the singing of Christian Endeavor choruses in English while our hosts sang them in Spanish. Singing together warmed our hearts for we felt "one in the Spirit."

The fact that so many youth attended the Rally Saturday night at the Evangelical Church in Barcelona and the Sunday evening service in Rubi, some distance away, showed a definite interest in the things sacred and a desire to be part of things eternal. That was a good sign.

At the Sunday evening service in Rubi, Spain, the Rev. Arno Pagel, Christian Endeavor World President, gave the message in German while the interpreter translated it into Spanish for the congregation. It became clear to me to see how God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform as I watched the non-Christian interpreter deliver the gospel message from German into Spanish to a congregation hungry for the Word of God. What a glorious paradox! The ladies of the church served delightful Spanish assorted sweets and drink during a time of fellowship. The Spanish pastor, whic



Members of the Board of Trustees of the World's Union which met in Spain

l to r: The Rev. James R. Murdoch, V.P., World's CE Union (Scotland); Miss Frances M. Becker, V.P., World's CE Union (United States); Rev. Enrique Capo, President, Spanish CE Union; Mr. Harold Westerhoff



was a genius in public relations, delighted the congregation with whimsical expressions that he used to characterize each one of the heterogeneous groups that represented a dozen or more different nationalities comprising those in attendance of the Area II Conference of the World's Christian Endeavor Union.

Although Montserrat and the temple at Tibidabo were the highlights of the tour, every other place we visited and even the places we passed through were very interesting, to say the least. It was a special thrill to hear the Boys' Choir at Montserrat. I have numbered the Spanish Fellowship Tour among the six momentous tours I have taken. I will carry this pleasant memory forward with me and I shall bask in its warm and cherished memory for years to come.

Edna Bresko
Trustee, Va. Christian Endeavor Union

BOARD NOTES

The Board of Trustees of the International Society of Christian Endeavor met in Columbus, Ohio, October 6-9, 1977, to survey the needs of youth and to determine how Christian Endeavor can better serve in the youth programs of the church; to create and initiate educational policy, program, and materials; to initiate and prepare the biennial program of aims and activities for Christian Endeavor societies and unions.

In particular, three educational sessions were presented during these meetings. One session was devoted to the Genesis Project, and the other two to new world mission strategies and programs.

The Genesis Project is an international fellowship of biblical scholars, historians, archeologists, educators, technicians and creative artists joined together in a vast new undertaking to translate the written language of the entire Holy Scriptures into the language of motion pictures — book by book — without elaboration or distortion. The over-all product is called "The New Media Bible."

The New Media Bible is a combination of interrelated audiovisual and printed materials consisting of filmstrips, audio cassettes, teachers guides and magazines. It is a non-denominational project. If you are interested in receiving more information, write to The Genesis Project, Inc., 1271 Avenue of the Americas, Suite 730, New York, NY 10020.

Dr. Ralph D. Winter, General Director, United States Center for World Missions, presented the two sessions on world missions. He stated the great need to expand mission work. In particular, while there are 2.7 billion people who do not even call themselves Christians, over ¾ of them are beyond the range of any kind of normal evangelism by existing churches. The majority of these 2.7 million people are the Chinese, Hindu, Muslin, and other Asian and African cultures. There are many strong barriers to reaching these people; among those are the numerous dialects of a single culture as well as the numerous cultures within one country.

It was pointed out that 98 percent of our mission effort is directed at 16 percent of the world population within range of the church and only 2 percent of our mission effort is directed toward the other 84 percent of the world's population outside the church.

To meet these needs, Christian Endeavor was challenged to recruit pastors and missionaries through its societies. Also, Endeavorers must know the Bible, church history and theology. Dr. Winter said that Christian Endeavor must expand to the college campus, have enthusiasm for the local church, work among the senior citizens, develop alumni fellowship, and conduct tours and work projects to other countries.

They that wait upon the Lord shall
renew their strength. They shall
mount up with wings like eagles; they
shall run and not be weary; they shall
walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40:31 (LB)

WHAT
IS
YOUR
MISSION





*All Endeavorers were
issued challenges at
the Board meeting*



CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WEEK CELEBRATION

Reports came in from all over on what different Christian Endeavor societies did to recognize the 97th birthday of Christian Endeavor. Christian Endeavor Week was January 29-February 5.

Argo Presbyterian Society of **Argo Presbyterian Church**, Argo, Alabama, observed Christian Endeavor Day during the morning worship service and held a birthday banquet with 45 in attendance. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of **Chesterfield Christian Church**, Des Moines, Iowa took part in the morning worship service, held Sunday School devotions, and served a pot luck dinner with birthday cake and provided a short program after the meal. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society of the **First Presbyterian Church**, Festus, Missouri held a birthday banquet. The Adult Christian Endeavor Society of the **New Dundee United Brethren Church**, New Dundee, Ontario, Canada, held a special service for their society meeting. Special speakers told of some of Christian Endeavor's work around the world. A missionary from Guatemala showed slides of mission work being done in that country.

The Hillsboro Christian Church Society of the **Hillsboro Christian Church**, Hillsboro, Oregon, held a birthday party for 22 people. The Primary and Junior High Christian Endeavor Society of **Grace E.C. Church**, Columbia, Pennsylvania, held a birthday party and observed Christian Endeavor Day in the morning worship service with 70 members in attendance. The Adult Christian Endeavor Society of **Strinestown United Brethren in Christ Church**, Manchester, Pennsylvania, held a birthday party and observed Christian Endeavor Day in the morning worship service with 125 in attendance.

The Mercer County Christian Endeavor Union (Pennsylvania) held a county-wide roller skating party for 110 young people early in the week. A birthday party using the theme, "Almost Anything Goes," was held for 170 youth and their leaders. There were skits, stunts, and games. There were 13 decorated birthday cakes which when lit up, had 97 candles. There were also individual blocks of Christian Endeavor decorated ice cream that had been specially made by a local ice cream company. Winners were announced for the Christian Endeavor Week Christian Witness window display contest and for a poster contest. On Christian Endeavor Sunday, most of the member churches held youth-led worship services. Two thousand Christian Endeavor Week bulletin covers were distributed to county Christian Endeavor churches and newspaper coverage was received in all county newspapers.

The Christian Endeavor Societies of the **Westmoor Church of Christ**, Kingston, Pennsylvania, held a Young People's Rally which also served as the first session of a "Lock In" which ran from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. and was followed by a breakfast. Members participated in Sunday morning and evening worship services and also took part in a Bible Bowl. A candlelight friendship circle closed the week's celebration.

The Allen Christian Endeavor Fellowship of **Smith Chapel AME Church**, Dallas, Texas, observed Christian Endeavor Day in the Sunday Morning worship service with 300 attending. The Primary and Junior High Societies of the **Fairlington Presbyterian Church**, Alexandria, Virginia, had the International Society of Christian Endeavor President, Timothy J. Kribs, as guest speaker as well as nine guests from other churches including the Administrative Secretary and a trustee of the Virginia Christian Endeavor Union. The President and Field Secretary of the Golden Rule Christian Endeavor Union of the District of Columbia also attended the birthday banquet. An

engraved golden plaque was presented to Pauline and Frank Wilson for their 60 years of service to Christian Endeavor as a special surprise of the banquet.

An area birthday banquet was held for Disputanta, Petersburg, Prince George and Richmond, Virginia. The guest speaker was the Rev. Charles Barner, General Secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. His message of "For This New Age: CHRIST" was presented to 87 people. The Adult Christian Endeavor Society of Olivet Church, Mt. Solon, Virginia, held a birthday banquet for 44. The Junior, Senior-High and Adult Societies of the Bethlehem Congregational Church, Disputanta, Virginia, held a birthday party and invited neighboring churches. An "old-fashioned" theme was used. There were group games and the prizes given were Christian Endeavor items. Sandwiches and a birthday cake was served. The Senior High planned and directed the games, the Junior Society decorated, gave Christian Endeavor highlights, and gave the devotions for the evening.

The Roanoke Christian Endeavor Union observed Christian Endeavor Day at the morning worship service of Westminster Church, Roanoke. A birthday banquet was also held for 100 Endeavorers, Timothy Kribs was the guest speaker. The First Reformed Senior High Society of the First Reformed Church, Yakima, Washington observed Christian Endeavor Day in the morning worship service and held a birthday banquet to honor the Endeavorer's parents and sponsors. The guest speaker was Mrs. John Winston, whose husband is the president of a seminary in France. Their theme for Christian Endeavor Week was "A Time To . . ." based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

India to be Host of 18th World's Convention

"Jesus Christ — The Truth" is the theme for the 18th World's Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in New Delhi, India, October 9-12, 1978.

The president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, Rev. Arno Pagel, West Germany, will give the keynote message on Monday night, October 9. Thousands of Christian Endeavorers of all nations are expected to attend.

The Rev. Petrus Octavianus, president of the Indonesia Evangelical Fellowship and general director of the Indonesia Missionary Fellowship, will speak on Tuesday evening, October 10th.

Wednesday night's speaker will be Mr. Prakash Yesudian of India who is working with Ambassadors for Christ.

The Thursday closing session will feature Dr. Clyde W. Meadows, Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, past president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union and bishop emeritus of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ.

Other highlights of the convention include devotions each morning coordinated by Frances M. Becker of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, vice-president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union; a worldwide fellowship period coordinated by Rev. Konrad Brandt, Kassel, West Germany, overseas secretary of the German Christian Endeavor Union; plus Bible study and discussion on the convention theme coordinated by Timothy J. Kribs, president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor.

"The official meetings of the World's Union Board of Trustees and World's Union Council will be conducted on the days immediately preceding the convention.

NEWS



NEW OFFICERS

The Rev. Hedley Thyer of Armadale, West Australia has been named the new president for the Australia Christian Endeavor Union. The new president of the Ontario Christian Endeavor Society is Miss Margaret Clarkson of Hamilton, Ontario, Canada. Miss Ollie King is the new Executive Secretary for the Virginia Christian Endeavor Union, she lives in Alexandria, Virginia. Mrs. Leslie (Donna) Loftin is the new Executive Secretary for the Texas Christian Endeavor Union.

ETERNAL ENDEAVORERS

The Rev. Agostinho Arbiol, President of the Portuguese Union, recently passed away. He was a minister of the Lusitania Church and a member of the World Council. His church and the Methodist Church have always fostered Christian Endeavor in Portugal.

Mary Jackson, who died last July, was paid tribute by the West Virginia Christian Endeavor Union. "She has passed onto her eternal reward, but her memories still linger with the older endeavorers of the state. Mary Jackson gave much of her time traveling through the mountains of West Virginia helping to organize societies, presenting the Christian Endeavor idea to various church and civic groups, and serving in various offices of the state, the last being field secretary." In addition to her Christian Endeavor responsibilities, Miss Jackson was associated with Salem United Methodist Church, the Women's Christian Temperance Union and the Red Cross.

Matthew Dunlop, past president of the Canadian Christian Endeavor Union passed away in November, 1977. He held several other positions on the Hamilton and Ontario Unions, as well as serving as an Elder of his church, a member of the choir and Secretary-Treasurer of the Sunday School. Jim Laing, the clerk of Mr. Dunlop's church, made the statement, "Matt was a "doer" — he did his job in a quiet but very effective way and stayed out of the limelight. Matt was a foreman at one of our large steel mills, and his company thought so much of him that they shut down their rolling mill for two and a half hours at the time of his funeral. This is an unheard of thing in Hamilton, so you can appreciate how much they thought of him."



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Timothy J. Kribs

The Bible is a book of action. The direction in which God always moves is forward. Abraham looked for a city whose builder and maker was God; Jesus said, "The kingdom of Heaven is like a sower who went out to sow." Acts 8:4 says, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the word." Christianity is a movement, it must always move forward.

Christian Endeavor is thus a movement and is always moving forward. One of the joys of the Christian life is Christian growth and witnessing others grow. We often speak of "learning by doing." This is vital, because only then are we moving forward. Within the church is where we should learn to do what God would have us do.

Luke 2:52 speaks of Jesus increasing in wisdom and stature and in favor with God and man. That is what Christian Endeavor must help churches do with young and old alike. It is only as individual Christians grow that their churches will also develop and become stronger.

It is my hope and prayer that the Christian Endeavor Society in your churches are actively involved in training in Christ-likeness through learning by doing. Each individual member of the society should have a turn at planning and leading a devotional meeting of the society. Each should serve on as many of the five basic committees as possible. If we do not train our members, who will? We only really learn what we experience; this is one of the great values of Christian Endeavor.

Won't you help us move forward with God? Use all the influence you have to help your church train its people. Christian Endeavor and its "learn by doing" leadership training is the best way.

God's direction is forward. Let's move in that direction with him.



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